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ABSTRACT

This study is primarily a compilation of cost and budget data gathered through a summer school questionnaire that was sent to 25 United States school systems with a total enrollment of over 100,000 students. Eighteen questionnaires were returned, though one was not used since the school system does not operate a summer school. Therefore, the data analysis is based on responses from 17 of the 25 school systems contacted. The questionnaire was designed to provide guidance to the Summer School Committee in preparing uniform summer school policy guidelines for the Department of Defense Overseas Schools. In order to develop summer school policy guidelines comparable to stateside schools, information was obtained regarding who pays the costs of providing summer school, the number of students attending summer school, the type and description of summer school courses offered, who coordinates the program and prepares required summer school reports, and other information regarding the cost and operation of summer school programs. In addition to a variety of data tables that summarize responses to the different questionnaire items, the report also contains a sample of the questionnaire form.

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SUMMER SCHOOL COST STUDY

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INTRODUCTION

The summer school cost study is a compilation of data, primarily cost and budget information, provided through a summer school questionnaire sent to 25 school systems with enrollments of over 100,000 students. The Department of Defense (DoD) Overseas Schools has a current enrollment of over 100,000 students. These 25 school systems of similar enrollment to the DoD Overseas Schools were selected to provide information on the operation of their summer school program.

Most of the issues discussed by the DoD Overseas Schools Summer School Committee concerning summer school programs have been debated and resolved by the Continental United States school systems with comparable enrollment. The questionnaire information provides guidance to the Summer School Committee in the preparation of uniform summer school policy guidelines and procedures for the DoD Overseas Schools. In order to develop summer school policy guidelines that are comparable to stateside schools, information was obtained regarding who pays the costs of providing summer school, the number of students attending summer school, the type and description of summer school courses offered, who coordinates the program and prepares summer school reports that are required, and other information regarding the cost and operation of summer school programs.

Questionnaires were sent to the 25 Continental United States School Systems having enrollments of 100,000 or more listed in the Education

Directory, 1973-74 Public School Systems by Jeffrey Williams and Sallie Warf, National Center for Educational Statistics, DHEW Publication No. (OE) 74-11701, 1974. Eighteen questionnaires were returned out of 25 sent out. One questionnaire was not used in the tabulation of the data since the school system stated it does not operate a summer school due to severe budget limitations. The analysis of the data is based on the responses from 17 school systems.

Conclusions that can be drawn from the questionnaire data are as follows:

- There is no consistent pattern of financing summer school. Fully as many schools appear to charge for some part of summer school as do not.
- More than fifty percent of the schools provide free summer school education.
- In all except one instance where tuition or an activity fee is required, charges are less than what is needed to fully support the program.
- Policies regarding summer school specify who pays and how much is charged.
- Poor or low income students are almost always provided summer school free of charge.
- Special education is continued in the summer for almost all of the school systems. Work study is continued in the majority of instances.
- Summer school purposes and practices vary greatly. Most policies are approved by the Board of Education after reviewing a study describing local needs and conditions.
- Approximately 10-20 percent of all students attend summer school in school systems with enrollments of 100,000 or more. These numbers would indicate that summer school is a significant part of the program and not just a minor component.

School District: _____
Approximate Student Enrollment: _____
Contact Person: _____
Telephone Number: _____

1. Is Summer School free for Students? yes _____ no _____
2. Which students get everything free? _____
If so, what is provided? _____
3. What costs do students pay? _____
4. Does tuition from the student totally self support the program? yes _____ no _____
5. Why don't they charge the full cost? _____
6. What % of local money is provided? _____
7. What % of money does the state provide? _____
8. Tuition - what is charged per course? _____
9. Approximate number of students per course? _____
10. Any change from previous year - inflation, expansion? _____
11. Is summer school for 30 days? yes _____ no _____ other _____
12. Do you have a large attendance? yes _____ no _____
13. Number of Students Aproximately? _____
14. What reports (e.g., evaluation of program) have to be submitted by summer school Director? _____
15. Do you have a summer school director? full time _____ part time _____
other duties _____
16. List other school officials responsible for summer school program. _____
17. Description and Nature of program: _____
Is work study continued yes? _____ no _____
Is special education continued yes? _____ no _____
18. Other Comments: _____

IS SUMMER SCHOOL FREE FOR STUDENTS?

YES	YES & NO	NO
9	2	6

WHICH STUDENTS GET EVERYTHING FREE?

- all students, no tuition
- for students who have failed subjects
- Title I qualified E. S. E. A. students
- Children on Welfare and children living in Title I areas. Principals have the final decision-making authority.
- Only elementary and junior high courses are free.

SUMMER SCHOOL COST TABLE

This table shows the amount or percent of money provided by state and local governments and from students for the operation of summer school programs.

State Government Contribution

			Total Cost by Category:				Majority of Cost	
<u>None</u>	<u>Little</u>	<u>Varies</u>	<u>Special Educ;</u>	<u>Vocational Educ;</u>	<u>25%</u>	<u>40%</u>	<u>50%</u>	<u>100%</u>
				<u>High School</u>				
6	1	1		1	2	1	1	4

Local Government Contribution

<u>None</u>	<u>Varies</u>	Total Cost by Category:		<u>50%</u>	<u>60%</u>	<u>75%</u>	<u>100%</u>
		<u>Elementary Education</u>					
5	2	1		3	3	3	3

Student Contribution

<u>None</u>	<u>Minimal Costs (less than \$5.00)</u>	<u>Tuition Payment of Partial Cost</u>	<u>Tuition Payment of Full Costs</u>
7	2	5	
			1 - except room space & equipment
			1 - except buildings & supervision
			1 - no exceptions
			3 = total

WHAT COSTS DO STUDENTS PAY?

- None
- Full cost
- Materials fee only
- free for elementary \$7.00, secondary, \$20.00
- secondary students buy textbooks, music students pay \$3.50 and driver education students pay \$5.00 material fee
- charge of \$45.00 per student
- students pay about 1/3 of the costs
- tuition and transportation where applicable
- Non-title I students pay tuition and for supplies

DOES TUITION FROM THE STUDENT TOTALLY SELF-SUPPORT THE PROGRAM

YES	NO
3	14

WHY DON'T THEY CHARGE THE FULL COST?

- Board of Education State policy
- It would be too expensive.
- Full cost would discourage too many pupils from attending.
- Full cost is charged.
- Local money is provided in support of programs.
- State laws prohibit charging of tuition to resident students.
- It has been a part of their educational philosophy.

TUITION- WHAT IS CHARGED PER COURSE?

- No tuition charged
- \$18.80 pending increase of .40 per subject from \$18.40 in 1974 due to increased costs.
- Elementary \$10, secondary, \$20 per semester
- \$12.00 per course
- elementary: \$50 per program plus transportation fee of \$10, 1975 - \$15.00, secondary: \$25 for one course; \$50 for two courses
- \$45 per course, an increase of \$5 from last year
- \$25 per course, \$10 for music enrichment and \$60 for non residents
- elementary \$7 for 1 1/2 hours of instruction; secondary, \$20 for 3 hours, 15 minutes, tuition has doubled due to inflation
- free to residents, for nonresident students, cost is \$45-\$85
- tuition from students totally self supports full cost of the program

FEE SCHEDULE SHOWING TUITION CHARGES FOR STUDENTS

Tuition charges totally self-supports full cost of the summer school program:

ELEMENTARY SUMMER SCHOOL

FEES:

One subject	(one hour of instruction).....	\$23.00
Two subjects	(two hours of instruction).....	30.00
Three subjects	(three hours of instruction).....	37.00
Four subjects	(four hours of instruction).....	43.00

SECONDARY SUMMER SCHOOL

FEES: Remedial Work

One-half unit	25.00
One unit	35.00
One and one-half units	43.00
Two units	50.00
Library Fee	5.00
Laboratory Fee (where applicable)	3.00
One-fourth unit	18.75

FEES: Advanced Work

One-half unit	37.50
One unit	50.00
Library Fee	5.00
Laboratory Fee (where applicable)	3.00
Driver Education (behind-the-wheel)	45.00

Instrumental Music Coaching 75¢ per student
hour of instruction for 14 one-hour periods.

Arts and Crafts 20.00

Preparatory Mathematics and English 25.00

DESCRIPTION AND NATURE OF SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM:

- For acceleration and remediation
- Secondary and Elementary Academic and Enrichment Programs
- Academic
- Full Program - credit courses given except for elementary and exceptional students
- Corrective, review, continuum, special education, original credit
- Instructional
- Offer new and make-up subjects
- Remedial, enrichment and make-up
- 150 high school courses are offered in 23 locations
- Extension of regular program with enrichment, experimentation with different organizations, techniques and instructional materials. Greatest growth is in adult and career education and at high school levels - particularly in work experience skills.
- Regular high school courses. In addition, special programs are offered: agriculture, oceanography and marine biology, remedial reading, driver education, remediation to enable selected youngsters to attend the city's specialized science high schools.

SUMMER PROGRAMS CONTINUED FOR THE SUMMER SCHOOL SESSION

Is Work Study Continued?		Is Special Education Continued?	
<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
9	7	13	3

(One school system not included in tabulation)

DO YOU HAVE A LARGE ATTENDANCE? All seventeen school systems said yes.

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ATTENDING SUMMER SCHOOL

- Approximately 54,000 students in the day and 8,300 in the evening.
- 250,503 (K-12) and 35,594 for Career and Continuing Education attended summer school out of a total school year enrollment of 607,206 (K-12) and 118,059 for Career and Continuing Education.
- 32,000 subject enrollments with a 15,000 head count out of total enrollment of 260,000
- 13,000 to 14,000 summer school students
- 7,800 tuition students and 20,000 free summer school students with total full year enrollment of 128,500
- 4,000 students out of 136,000 total enrollment
- total summer school enrollment was 4,561
 Enrollment by summer school subject:
 - English - 2,228
 - Science - 1,253
 - Mathematics - 1,977
 - Social Studies - 1,531
 - Foreign Language - 122
 - Business Education - 352
 - Mechanical Drawing - 59
- 8,000 summer school students
- approximately 49,940 students with elementary of 22,270 students and secondary of 27,670 students
- 10,200 out of a total enrollment of 125,269 students
- 10,000 summer school students out of a total enrollment of 137,000
- 17,906 out of a total enrollment of 118,000
- 26,000 summer school students
- 14,241 students out of 110,000 total enrollment
- 17,200 out of 114,998 total enrollment
- 17,000 out of 97,000 total enrollment
- elementary: 279, secondary: 2,377 for summer school

APPROXIMATE PERCENT OF STUDENTS ATTENDING SUMMER SCHOOL IN 1974
IN SCHOOL SYSTEMS WITH ENROLLMENT OF 100,000 OR MORE

<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>NUMBER OF SCHOOL SYSTEMS</u>
Less than 3%	3 school systems
3.1% - 9%	6
9.1% - 15%	2
15.1% - 21%	3
21.1% - 27%	1
37.8%	1
41.2%	1

DO YOU HAVE A SUMMER SCHOOL
DIRECTOR?

WHAT REPORTS (e.g., evaluation of program) HAVE TO BE
SUBMITTED BY SUMMER SCHOOL DIRECTOR?

(full time (ft) or part time (pt) and other duties)	
pt - Executive Assistant to the Deputy Chancellor	Annual Report
pt - Adult Education Programs	Final Summary Report and Title I Scholarship Report
pt - Supervisor of Evening High Schools and Special Projects	A complete financial report and pupil accounting to the Superintendent. A complete report to the State Department of Education.
pt - Elementary specialist, social sciences or science Chairperson	An administrative report - statistics and their recommendation for changes; some principals have surveys of what was effective and what was not effective.
pt - Deputy Superintendent - Center for Planning, Research and Evaluation	Annual summer school report to State Department of Education showing enrollment by programs, subject area courses and by schools for teachers, administrators and students.
pt - Responsibility is assigned within the divisions that operate schools	Report on enrollments to State, also planning reports for elementary and secondary education
pt - Coordinator, schools have own administrative staff	All summer schools are credit summer schools except elementary - same reports as during regular school year.

pt - Administrative responsibility for two high schools and their feeder schools (total of 20 schools)	Report is a description of the program and enrollment counts.
pt - Comprehensive educational planning	Evaluation report; secondary credit and grade report; elementary grade report.
pt - Director of the Department of Continuing Education	Reports showing number of students registered in program, number of students dropped, number of teachers and salary earnings.
ft - Summer school only, under Assistant Superintendent of Instruction	Reports to State Department of Education
ft - Other assistance from Area Assistant Superintendents	Enrollment and staffing summaries, operational evaluation, applicant data. 11
ft - Other supervisors	Enrollment and attendance reports and a report to State Director of Title I Programs
ft - With 12 Area S/S coordinators	Summary, evaluation and recommendations for next session. Pupil enrollment by subjects to the State. Summer School data for Superintendents and Board Reports. Statistical Reports to Pupil Statistics and Reports Section.
ft - Adult education responsibilities and special programs	Annual report to Board of Education; statistical report to State Department of Education.

ft - Administrator and assists
Association Superintendents of
Operations

Report of summer school activities.

ft - Division of Instruction

Annual Report, sent to Assistant Superintendent.

Number of school systems with full time summer school directors : 7

Number of school systems with part time summer school directors: 10

For further information, write to:

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